

York River Study Committee
Meeting Minutes (Draft)
August 23, 2016, Grant House, York

Voting Members Present: Chuck Ott, Jean Demetracopoulos, Jack Murphy, Karen Arsenault, Cindy Donnell, Judy Spiller, Thom Kearns, Beth Walter

Voting Members Absent: Stefan Claesson, Bryce Waldrop, Joan LeBlanc, Steve Pelletier

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Hunter, Jim MacCartney, and Paul Dest

Others: Karl Honkonen - South Berwick resident & Tom Jackson

1. Meeting was opened at 5:30 by Chairman Chuck Ott
2. Minutes were accepted as written Motion- Jack Murphy Second- Judy Spiller
3. Presentation of Diadromous Fish Study – Paul Dest

Accompanying handout with proposal was reviewed and discussion focused around overall cost and other benefits of this study. Matching funds from outside sources are likely and may reduce the costs from ~\$25k to \$15K- \$17K. Study covers species important in Maine and covers a water quality aspect. Matching funds would be solicited by Wells Reserve.

*Timeline for a decision by Study Comm will be next meeting in Sept.

Any questions should be e-mailed to Jenn before the next meeting

Jenn reported out support for study by Joan

Paul also presented an overall fiscal year budget for the Study Comm. (handout)

4. Oral History/Documentary Project- Chuck gave a presentation of the project. Interviews have begun. Committee member participation is optional. Financial participation is also optional – outside fundraising would occur. Potential for production/sharing video for York River video as a promotion for Study Committee.

*Will Study Committee be willing to endorse this project?

Concerns were raised about the process and planning for the proposal. Consensus was not reached at this time.

5. Historical Resources Reconnaissance Survey. Proposal was e-mailed. Questions were raised regarding scope, detail and costs. Do Towns offer protections based upon historical resources? Stefan was not present to respond to questions.

*Referred back to ORV subcommittee for review

6. Fall Outreach Plans and Schedule. Jenn reviewed Outreach Subcommittee schedule (handout). Additional committee members are participating in select events to cover timeframes Outreach “ORV Participation Board” reviewed.

* Any questions or comments for omissions, alterations or additions should be e-mailed to Jenn.

7. ORV Subcommittee Updates and Discussion – subcommittee will review various study proposals at upcoming Sept. meeting along with budget and make formal recommendations to full Study Committee at September meeting for prioritizing study efforts.
8. Open Forum –
9. Identify Future Agenda Items and Adjourn at 7:30